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2 New Churches On Way

James Fouthier has been called to be the organizing pastor of a new United Church of Christ church start in Chattanooga, TN, effective Sept. 8.

In addition, a new UCC group began meeting in Athens, GA; the Conference has sold the property of old First Congregational Church of Columbus, GA; and is finalizing the sale of the old First Congregational Church property of Macon.

A student in care of the Chicago Metropolitan Association, Mr. Fouthier has served as student pastor of the Congregational Church of Park Manor, Chicago, IL. He is a graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary, and Illinois Wesleyan University. He was recently married.

The decision to start a new predominantly African-American church in Chattanooga was made two years ago by the Conference, and announced publicly during the 25th Annual Meeting there in June 1991.

The call was issued by the Conference and the local organizing committee, chaired by the Rev. Andrew Frierson, pastor of First United Church of Christ of Sweetwater, TN, and former pastor of First Congregational Church of Chattanooga.

No date or place has been set for the first worship service. The church start was originally conceived as a revitalization of First Congregational Church.

Under the auspices of a layperson, Dr. Phil Williams, a new UCC fellowship has been organized in Athens, GA. The group is working with the Rev. Stephen L. Sterner, pastor of Central Congregational United Church of Christ of DeKalb County, GA, who led the first worship service on Aug. 23.

The group of about 20 persons is meeting temporarily in the chapel of the Christian College of Georgia, a Disciples of Christ related school in Athens.

"They have strong interest and good possibility," said the Rev. Mitchell Johnson, Associate Conference Minister for Church Development. "They are taking the initiative in funding and resources."

Meanwhile, an organizing committee chaired by the Rev. Harvey Newman continues to work on the reactivation of Center Congregational Church, a defunct church in Atlanta.

In a related development, the property of old First Congregational Christian Church of Columbus, GA, has been sold to a Presbyterian church. The property was deeded to the Conference after the church closed in the early 1980s.

The Conference is finalizing the sale of First Congregational Church of Macon, GA, to the neighboring Booker T. Washington Community Center. The proposed sale requires the church building to be used for community purposes.

Funds from the sale and from undisbursed funds of the defunct church will be used for a new church start in Macon.

In addition, the Conference is organizing a support committee for a new church start in Southeast DeKalb.

200 Gather In Atlanta For 26th Annual Meeting

Debating one of its thorniest resolutions in years, the 26th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference attracted about 200 delegates, clergy and visitors to Atlanta on June 12-14.

Under the theme "Behold, I Am Doing A New Thing," the Annual Meeting elected a new moderator, approved a tight budget for the 1993 fiscal year, passed a resolution urging "patience, study, prayer" on the issue of homosexuals in the ministry, and heard an array of national and local speakers.

Elected to a two-year term as Moderator was Dr. Erna Bryant, a layperson from Central Congregational United Church of Christ in Atlanta. Dr. Bryant previously had served as moderator of the Georgia-South Carolina Association and filled the unexpired term this past year of Rev. Richard Woodward, who had resigned as Conference Vice-Moderator.

The Rev. Richard Sales, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, of Birmingham, AL, was elected Vice-Moderator.

Additionally, the Annual Meeting passed without debate the Conference's first quarter-million dollar budget, though the total represents only a 6% increase over the revised 1992 budget. The tight budget appropriates \$20,700 to national support and \$17,000 to new church projects.

A resolution sponsored by the East Alabama-West Georgia Association disavowing a General Synod resolution passed last year on gays, lesbian and bisexual persons and their ministries was substituted by a floor resolution affirming the rights of associations and churches over questions of ministry and asking the all parties seek "unity and reconciliation through Christ and the Holy Spirit."

The substitute resolution offered by Robert Johnson, chair of the Conference's Church and Ministry Commission and a member of First Congregational Church of Atlanta, passed 74-43 by show of hands. (see story, page 2).

In his report to the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning, Conference Minister Roger Knight held out the events and successes of the past year. These included the Visions '91 financial campaign; the United Church Board for World Ministries meeting in Atlanta; and the completion of the three-year evangelism institute. "We have a living heritage here in the Southeast Conference," he said, "and it is something to celebrate."

Speakers during the Conference included Dr. Walter Brueggemann, a UCC minister and Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta; Dr. Charles Shelby Rooks, recently retired executive vice-president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries; Cynthia Tucker, editor of the editorial page of the *Atlanta Constitution* and a member of First Congregational Church, Atlanta; and the Rev. Susan V. Hull, recently named co-pastor of Circular Congregational Church, Charleston.

Dr. Brueggemann, who keynoted the Annual Meeting with the Rev. Rooks, called on listeners Friday night to look at the relationship between pain and power. "Powerful people have all they can do just to keep powerless people voiceless." But, he added, a new covenant is created when "power touches pain and pain touches power."

On Saturday morning, Dr. Rooks, also drawing on the Isaiah 43:12-21 text from which the Annual Meeting theme came, spoke on the new song of the church's "compelling struggle to be faithful." Citing the Southeast Conference, he added, "judge everything you do by how well you sing that song."

Leading Saturday morning worship, the Rev. Hull, a native of Louisiana and a former Southern Baptist minister, told about her return to the South and its deep sense of place. "With all our diversity, we can reach out into the future with love," she said.

On Saturday afternoon, delegates attended five simultaneous workshops devoted to health care, aging, housing, sexuality and family issues led by church or local leaders involved on those concerns.

The Annual Meeting also approved participation in a national UCC fund-raising campaign, "Make A Difference," which is due to start next year.

Another resolution passed by delegates called for a "Bill of Rights for Future Generations," and was sponsored by the Peace Committee of Pleasant Hill Community Church, UCC, of Pleasant Hill, TN.

It also approved the date and location of the 27th Annual Meeting at Talladega College in Talladega, AL, on June 11-13, 1993.

Conference's Youth Learn to Shout From Mountaintop

by Dazauya Nkuchwayo

The National Youth Event of the United Church of Christ was held in July at Beloit College in Beloit, WI.

Joe Hoffman, an assistant pastor, and I represented Central Congregational Church in Atlanta. We were later joined by youth from Pilgrimage UCC in Marietta, GA, Pilgrim in Chattanooga, TN, and later by youth from the churches in Birmingham, AL.

In total we were 22—17 youth and five adults—representing the Southeast Conference.

The National Youth Event brings youth of different ages, tongues, races and nationalities and backgrounds together to express their views, thoughts and feelings about our world, the church and teenage problems.

“Shout It From the Mountaintop” was the event’s theme. Since there are no mountains in Beloit, WI, the question was: “Shout it from what mountaintop?” This was pointed out by one of the keynote speakers, Dr. Norman Jackson, Conference Minister of Hawaii, who said: “When you have something important to be known, say it loud, let everyone hear it, don’t just keep it to yourself ...

“There are voices in your head, listen to God’s story, not stories of others, so they become your story and you will ‘Shout It From the Mountaintop.’ We all have a role to play, some know and some don’t. Surprise them.” Other words, he was saying, you do not need to be physically on a mountain to shout it, just as long as you shout.

The schedule included worship services, one in the morning, the other at night. Each lasted from an hour and a half to two hours, with speakers like Norman Jackson, Valerie Russell, Rodney Yee and Edith Guffey. We attended workshops and met in small groups.

CONFERENCE COMMENTS:

A Promise of New Life and the Death of a Disciple

Dear Friends in Christ:

I write this having just returned from the UCC National Youth Event where our Conference was represented by two van loads of young people and adult advisors. The event’s theme, “From the Top of the Mountain,” had us look at those Biblical mountaintop experiences through scripture, song sharing in community, and worship.

As God called followers on literal and metaphorical mountaintops, Christ calls us afresh in new ways, in the complexities of our world, to new people. The next generation! Yes, as the theologian Emil Brunner stated, the Church always lives one generation from extinction.

The event in itself was uplifting; but all our delegation was inspired to lead an emphasis on youth in the Conference. What a blessing! For God’s future is in the Gospel’s evangelistic spirit—to new people, a new generation. So we of the Southeast Conference have committed ourselves to the priority of growing with God. Praise God.

While at the Youth Event I received word of the death of Reuben Sheares, a friend whose staff I was on for 12 years. Memories of him abound; I cannot fully grasp his death. He was “always there,” always available, open to listening and guiding. How unfair, for one whose leadership was so valuable to Christ’s Church and the world, to be terminated with so much to give. As a person of faith, preacher, speaker of truth, and encourager of all, he was incomparable. Talladega College in Alabama introduced him to the United Church of Christ. He loved his

birth place. He cared for the Southeast Conference, speaking at Annual Meetings, our Evangelism Institute and at my installation here.

The promise of new life and the death of a committed disciple, all at the same time. My soul, elated and grieved at the same time. Death and life, so close together, are they not? Our faith reminds us that death and resurrection are at the heart of Gospel.

Which raises a deep concern: unity of the Gospel and unity of the Church. Although Christ is one, the Church is one, and the Gospel is one, yet the struggles of religious folk always strain the unity when we have convictions. The issue is not new; the history of the faith and church is replete with tensions of “my Gospel/your Gospel; whose church—mine, yours or Christ’s; and which Christ and what kind of Christ do we follow?”

Even the original disciples quibbled over their differing expectations. Jesus’ ironic spirit reminded them that no one is better than another in God’s eyes, and the grace of the Gospel is judgment as well as liberation. Then Paul picked up the inclusive Gospel by arguing with Peter about restrictions. And through the ages, the Table of the Lord is where all are one because all are Christ’s, and Jesus alone invites us to new life with him.

We as a Conference family have always been held by God’s promises, and now as we eat together we are more familiar and the family-language more real and authentic, surfacing differences.

But we belong together in Christ. That belonging is not a choice, though there always will be differences. Let us together pray that Christ’s evangel spirit of Good News be good news for all. God bless us all.

Faithfully,
Roger Knight

Delegates Debate Touchy Resolution

Faced with a resolution that rebuked the 18th General Synod for its stand on homosexuals in the ministry, delegates at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference chose to urge “patience, study, prayer” and affirm the rights of churches and associations on the issue.

The resolution sponsored by the East Alabama-West Georgia Association was the subject of careful but expressive discussion three times during the Annual Meeting.

A modified version of a document passed by the East Alabama-West Georgia Association last year, the resolution presented to the Annual Meeting called on the Southeast Conference not to abide by the last Synod pronouncement on gay, lesbian and bisexual persons and their ministries, and asked the next Synod to change that position.

The Synod document, which has been approved in different forms by previous Synods, has little practical effect since qualifications for ministry in the United Church of Christ are mostly determined by churches and associations.

About 100 delegates, clergy and visitors attending a 60-minute resolution hearing maintained a decorous debate over an issue that has been passionately fought in other religious circles. Other discussions, however, in a 90-minute forum on sexual issues and in a 30-minute floor debate were more expressive but still largely respectful.

The resolution hearing on Saturday morning saw an array of speakers both for and against the resolution who cut across associations, church backgrounds and locales. Other speakers expressed uneasiness with both the association resolution and the Synod statement.

"We believe that those who openly prefer to live in sin or engage in sinful activities should not be called to spiritual leadership in the church," said the Rev. Herbert Young, pastor of Langdale Congregational Christian Church of Valley, AL, who introduced the resolution.

Kathy Lindquist, a delegate from the Church of the Savior in Knoxville, TN, said Jesus' ministry emphasized "ministry to all humans" and that "justice was as important as Scriptural law."

The Rev. Edward Schneider of Pleasant Hill Community Church in Tennessee, noted "that God guides us in new ways. We all live by grace."

A delegate of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Chattanooga, TN, spoke about the struggle to raise five children in a climate that "permits anything." The delegate, June Marcum, said "God gave us guidelines," and adding about her own life, "I know that God brought me back to a better life."

Replying to an assertion that struggle for homosexual rights was like that of civil rights, an unidentified delegate from First Congregational Church of Atlanta, said "this issue should not be in the same category as civil rights," stressing that "God is against sin, and we should be against sin."

George Thomas, pastor of First Congregational, said he had really struggled with the General Synod statement, but "I urge to support the General Synod resolution."

Other speakers struck conciliatory notes. "There are two kinds of pain here, and we have lived with both of them," said Dorothy Gager, a delegate from Howard Congregational Church of Nashville, TN.

Expressing difficulty over both the Synod and association resolutions, the Rev. Robert Kurtz, pastor of First United Church of Nashville, TN, said "we are finding pain over the position we find ourselves in."

In a concluding late Saturday afternoon business session, the substitute motion was presented to preempt the association resolution. Offered by Robert Johnson, a member of First Congregational Church of Atlanta, the resolution noted the Association resolution was "precipitous," dealing with an area for which churches and associations are responsible.

The substitute motion upset some delegates, and sparked further debate. "Don't do this to us," said the Rev. Young. "Just tell us one way or another what you think by voting on our resolution."

Ms. Gager of Nashville, TN, noted that it was important to affirm the rights of associations and churches. "This substitute resolution reaffirms local church polity," she said.

The substitute passed on a 74-43 vote by show of hands.

OCWM RECEIPTS FOR 2ND QUARTER, JUNE 30, 1992

Churches By Association	Second Quarter	1992 To Date
Alabama-Tennessee Total	23,077.44	38,821.76
Alpine, AL, King's Chapel	0.00	138.00
Athens, AL, Trinity	0.00	0.00
Belvidere, TN, First	1,775.27	2,107.75
Birmingham, AL, First	1,060.00	1,060.00
Birmingham, AL, Pilgrim	1,350.00	2,700.00
Chattanooga, TN, First	0.00	0.00
Chattanooga, TN, Pilgrim	5,161.67	7,742.51
Crossville, TN, United	1,000.00	2,175.50
Cullman, AL, St. John's	2,025.00	3,375.00
Deer Lodge, TN, Deer Lodge	300.00	600.00
Fairfield Glade, TN, Community	1,500.00	2,250.00
Garden City, AL, Garden City	115.50	231.00
Hanceville, AL, Mountain Grove	0.00	0.00
Huntsville, AL, United	2,250.00	4,500.00
Knoxville, TN, Church of the Savior	0.00	0.00
Marion, AL, First	0.00	0.00
Montgomery, AL, First	0.00	0.00
Nashville, TN, First	1,500.00	2,500.00
Nashville, TN, Brookmeade	200.00	200.00
Nashville, TN, Howard	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill, TN, Community	4,500.00	9,000.00
Robbins, TN, Barton Chapel	300.00	300.00
Sunbright, TN, Glenmary	0.00	0.00
Sweetwater, TN, First	0.00	0.00
Talladega, AL, First	0.00	0.00
Tougaloo, MS, Union	0.00	0.00
Waverly, TN, United	40.00	80.00
East Alabama-West Georgia Total	4,987.00	6,676.00
Alexander City, AL, First	0.00	0.00
Columbus, GA, United	0.00	0.00
Dadeville, AL, Elder	0.00	0.00

East Tallassee, AL, East Tallassee	0.00	0.00
Eclectic, AL, Watson's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Five Points, AL, State Line	0.00	0.00
LaFayette, AL, Pleasant Grove	419.00	596.00
LaGrange, GA, Hillside	0.00	0.00
LaGrange, GA, United	322.00	806.00
Lanett, AL, Lanett	475.00	475.00
Langdale, AL, Langdale	0.00	164.00
Phenix City, AL, Russell Woods	285.00	570.00
Pine Mountain, GA, Oak Grove	297.00	297.00
Roanoke, AL, Antioch	570.00	570.00
Roanoke, AL, Bethany	0.00	0.00
Roanoke, AL, First	713.00	713.00
Roanoke, AL, Forest Home	24.00	48.00
Roanoke, AL, New Hope	600.00	600.00
Roanoke, AL, North Main	284.00	284.00
Roanoke, AL, Rock Stand	0.00	175.00
Valley, AL, Pine Forest	0.00	0.00
Valley, AL, Todd	0.00	0.00
Wadley, AL, Corinth	0.00	0.00
Wedowee, AL, Noon Day	0.00	0.00
Woodbury, GA, Jones Chapel	760.00	1,140.00
South Alabama-NW Florida Total	305.00	1,440.00
Andalusia, AL, Antioch	0.00	400.00
Andalusia, AL, First	165.00	775.00
Baker, FL, Good Hope	0.00	0.00
Baker, FL, Pyron	75.00	75.00
Bonifay, FL, New Effort	0.00	0.00
Brantley, AL, Indian Creek	0.00	0.00
Brantley, AL, Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clio, AL, New Hope	0.00	0.00
Headland, AL, Blackwood	65.00	190.00
Georgia-South Carolina Total	15,323.23	26,331.57
Atlanta, GA, Carroll Heights	0.00	0.00
Atlanta, GA, Central	8,400.00	16,800.00
Atlanta, GA, First	0.00	0.00
Atlanta, GA, Rush	0.00	0.00
Atlanta, GA, Southwest	0.00	0.00
Atlanta, GA, UCC	0.00	0.00
Barnesville, GA, Fredonia	150.00	150.00
Beachton, GA, Evergreen	495.00	495.00
Braselton, GA, Macedonia	0.00	0.00

Buford, GA, Duncan's Creek	0.00	0.00
Charleston, SC, Circular	1,250.00	1,250.70
Charleston, SC, Plymouth	1,200.00	1,200.00
Columbia, SC, Pilgrim	0.00	0.00
Demorest, GA, Federated	115.75	115.75
Dewy Rose, GA, Liberty	0.00	0.00
Jonesboro, GA, Trinity	2,200.00	3,850.00
Lilburn, GA, Button Gwinnett	300.00	600.00
Macon, GA, First	0.00	0.00
Marietta, GA, Pilgrimage	687.47	1,145.81
Midway, GA, Midway	0.00	200.00
Savannah, GA, First	325.00	325.00
Thomasville, GA, Bethany	200.00	200.00

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

The following persons were elected to offices, commissions and committees by the Annual Meeting:

Moderator, Erna Bryant, layperson, Central Congregational United Church of Christ, Atlanta;

Vice Moderator, Richard Sales, pastor, Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, Birmingham, AL;

Past Moderator, Roy Bain, pastor, Lanett Congregational Christian Church, UCC, Lanett, AL.

Board of Directors at Large:

Al Dempsey, layperson, First Congregational Church, UCC, Atlanta;

Betty Moon, layperson, North Main Congregational Christian Church, UCC, Roanoke, AL

Association Representatives, Board of Directors:

Alabama-Tennessee: Andrew Frierson, pastor, First United Church of Christ, Sweetwater, TN;

East Alabama-West Georgia:

Don Harmon, layperson, Lanett Congregational Christian Church, UCC, Lanett, AL;

Georgia-South Carolina:

Stephen Sterner, pastor, Central Congregational United Church of Christ, Atlanta;

South Alabama-Northwest Florida:

Woody Clark, pastor, Liberty Congregational Christian Church, Brantley, AL

Commission on Church and Ministry:

Robert Johnson, chair, retired clergy, First Congregational Church, UCC, Atlanta

Roger Jones, pastor, Pine Forest Congregational Christian Church, Valley, AL

Commission on Christian Education:

Maureen Jenci-Shelton, layperson, Central Congregational United Church of Christ, Atlanta

Commission on Stewardship and OCWM:

Eugene Keen, chair, pastor emeritus, United Church of Huntsville, UCC, Huntsville, AL;

Winston Clark, pastor, New Hope Congregational Christian Church, Clio, AL

Commission on Church Development:

Bob Sherard, chair, pastor, First Congregational Church, UCC, Savannah, GA;

Ed Schneider, pastor, Pleasant Hill Community Church, UCC, Pleasant Hill, TN

Commission on Women in Church and Society:

Joyce Myers-Brown, chair, non-parish clergy, Central Congregational United Church of Christ, Atlanta;

Shirley Bowen, layperson, United Congregational Christian Church, LaGrange, GA

Commission on Social Justice:

Dorothy Gager, chair, non-parish clergy, Howard Congregational Church, UCC, Nashville, TN;

Leon Dickinson, retired clergy, Pleasant Hill Community Church, UCC, Pleasant Hill, TN;

Gary Woodruff, layperson, Central Congregational United Church of Christ, Atlanta

Nominating Committee:

James Myers, pastor, First Congregational Church, UCC, Birmingham, AL;

Lenda Sherrell, layperson, Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, Chattanooga, TN

General Synod delegates:

Rebecca Paschal, layperson, First Congregational Church, UCC, Atlanta;

Andrew Frierson, pastor, First United Church of Christ, Sweetwater, TN

General Synod alternate delegates:

Katrina Gardener, layperson, First Congregational Church, UCC, Chattanooga, TN;

Annie Neal, layperson, Howard Congregational Church, UCC, Nashville, TN

Fall Meetings Planned By Association

The four associations in the Southeast Conference have scheduled their annual meetings in September and October:

The Alabama-Tennessee Association convenes on Sept. 11-12 at Pleasant Hill Community Church and Uplands Retirement Village in Pleasant Hill, TN. Dr.

Jon Gunnemann, Professor of Social Ethics at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta and an ordained UCC minister, will be the featured speaker.

The Georgia-South Carolina Association meets at Circular Congregational Church in Charleston, SC, on Sept. 18-19. Featured speaker will be the Rev. Don Gall, Conference Minister of the Iowa Conference, the partner conference for the Southeast Conference.

The South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association will hear Richard and Martha Lammers, former missionaries in Japan, at its meeting on Oct. 3. The Lammers recently retired after 41 years service in the Asian country, and now live in Pleasant Hill, TN.

Dr. Carl Flock, Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Alabama and Northwest Florida, Disciples of Christ, will be the featured speaker for the East Alabama-West Georgia Association meeting. The event will be on Oct. 12 at Lanett Congregational Christian Church in Lanett, AL.

Women's Retreat in Monteagle

"Empowered by Christ: Claiming Our Gifts" is the theme of the fall retreat for Women of the Southeast Conference in Monteagle, TN, on Oct. 9-11.

Featured speaker for the event at the DuBose Conference Center will be the Rev. Flora Wilson Bridges, a professor of Spelman College in Atlanta.

Cost for the three-day event is \$75 to \$150, depending on housing arrangements, which range from motel single rooms at Bishop's Hall to shared dormitory rooms at Claiborne Hall.

For further information, call Michelle Ann Sabine at (615) 484-4878. Registration deadline is Sept. 11.

CHURCH AND PEOPLE NOTES

UPLANDS MARKS 70 YEARS OF SERVICE: Uplands Retirement Village celebrated 70 years of service and the renewal of the Edith Cravath Wharton Nursing Home in a rededication service on Saturday, Aug. 8.

The event at the United Church of Christ-related facility in Pleasant Hill, TN, was noted in a resolution by the Tennessee House of Representatives in April signed by Gov. Ned McWherter.

The facility began as the Uplands Sanitorium in 1922 by Dr. May Cravath Wharton.

Harry A. Manon is chairman of the Village Board of Directors, whose purposes is to provide an independent and supplemental care retirement community in association with the UCC.

OBITUARIES: Robert Chastain, president of Church of the Savior, Knoxville, TN, died on May 2. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Andover-Newton Seminary.

PEOPLE AT WORK: The Rev. Ed Schneider of Pleasant Hill Community Church, Pleasant Hill, TN, has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Association of Churches ... Circular Congregational Church of Charleston, SC, held a 20th anniversary dinner for the Rev. Albert Keller, co-pastor of the church in June ... Len Brooks, a member of St. John's United Church of Cullman, AL, won the Democratic primary for District Attorney in Cullman County in June ... For the 20th year, the Rev. Arnold Slater, pastor emeritus of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Chattanooga, TN, led the weekly summer non-denominational worship services at Harbor Lights Marina ... The Rev. James L. Smalley, pastor of Pilgrim, Chattanooga, TN, has been elected president of the Clergy Association of Chattanooga ... The Rev. Joe Ingle, a UCC minister and author of *Last Rights*, was guest preacher in June at Brookmeade Congregational Church of Nashville, TN.

Former Ghana missionaries heard the Rev. Albert Wurapa, former Synod Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana, at a reunion on May 29-31 at Crossville, TN.

Some 35 missionaries from the UCC with 211 combined years of service in the west African nation attended the event at the United Christian Church of Crossville.

Rev. Albert Wurapa currently serves as pastor of the Ewe Church of Washington, D.C.

CHURCH NEWS: Midway Congregational Church of Midway, GA, has begun a series of Union Services with First Presbyterian Church of Midway on fifth Sundays ... The United Church of Huntsville hosted the Huntsville-Vanderbilt Forum in May. The series of lectures were attended by 105 people ... First United Church of Nashville, TN, hosted 107 people at its annual UCC Memorial Golf Classic and Dinner at the Opryland Springhouse Golf Course in July. Blake Spicer, head professional of the Hopkinsville, KY, Country Club and his team were the winners.

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